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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JULIUS L. KATZ

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SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 236200; ROME 14659

FOR AMBASSADORS VOLPE, STABLER, GREENWALD FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. TO IMPLEMENT CABINET-LEVEL TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE
DECISION, CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD LAST MONTH IN TAIPEI,
SEOUL AND TOKYO ON FOOTWEAR ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE. CONSUL-
TATIONS HELD HERE WITH DORNELLES OF BRAZILIAN MINISTRY

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OF FINANCE OCTOBER 15 AND ISSUE DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH

SPANISH OFFICIAL BASSOLS ON SAME DAY. CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD IN CAPITALS RATHER THAN IN WASHINGTON TO APPRISE POLICY-MAKING OFFICIALS DIRECTLY OF U.S. PROCEDURES UNDER NEW TRADE ACT WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT ITC FOOTWEAR CASE. THOSE CONSULTING WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PROCEDURES THAT OFFICIALS MAY HAVE. 1974 TRADE COVERAGE OF CASE FROM ALL SOURCES WAS 980 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. INITIAL CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY ALAN WOLFF, GENERAL COUNSEL OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, ACCOMPANIED BY BERNARD ASCHER, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF IMPORT PROGRAMS, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE DESIGNATED WOLFF AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO HOLD THESE CONSULTATIONS ON MY BEHALF. WOLFF IS THE SENIOR CAREER OFFICIAL AT STR (EQUIVALENT TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RANK), WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH DRAFTING OF TRADE ACT, AND WAS ACTING HEAD OF U.S. MTN DELEGATION GENEVA IN PERIOD FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF TRADE ACT. ASCHER HAS LONG EXPERIENCE AT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ON U.S. IMPORT POLICIES. I REQUEST THAT YOU ASSIST THIS MISSION FULLY.

3. TO MAKE CONSULTATIONS A SUCCESS, INCLUDING MINIMIZING FRICTION AND MISUNDERSTANDING OVER FOOTWEAR ISSUE, DIRECT TALKS WITH MOST SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY OR GREATEST INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA ARE

DESIRED. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN ALL INTERESTED MINISTRIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. COURTESY CALLS ON MINISTER OR VICE MINISTER TO EXPLAIN PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE.

4. TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD IN CONFIDENCE AND PRESS COVERAGE AVOIDED TO AVOID ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVERNMENT.

5. WOLFF AND ASCHER PLAN ARRIVAL ON TWA FLIGHT 890, NOVEMBER 16, 1975, AT 11:20 A.M. AND DEPARTURE TWA FLIGHT 891, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, AT 8:50 A.M.
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EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CABLE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND TO ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, TWO SINGLES NIGHTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19 INCLUSIVE. PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST. KISSINGER
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